

Emergency Manager's Weekly Report 7-27-12

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"A Native American grandfather talking to his young grandson tells the boy he has two wolves inside of him struggling with each other. The first is the wolf of peace, love and kindness. The other wolf is fear, greed and hatred. 'Which wolf will win, grandfather?' asks the young boy. 'Whichever one I feed,' is the reply."

Author Unknown



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Introduction and Contributions

Introduction

The Emergency Manager's Weekly Report started back in 2000 as a simple e-mail message to share news and resources with a select group of colleagues. Since then it has grown significantly and shares news and resources with emergency management professionals from around the world.

The Weekly Report has been more involved in the social media environment where there are dedicated EM Weekly Report platforms on Facebook and LinkedIn. These pages are accessible at:

- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report/110533579036082>
- LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Emergency-Managers-Weekly-Report-3833131?mostPopular=&gid=3833131&goback=%2Egmp_3833131%2Egde_3833131_member_47547619

Feel free to like and join these pages because I regularly share news and information through them daily.

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Contributions

The following individuals or groups contribute to the Emergency Manager's Weekly Report.

- International Association of Emergency Managers
- National Emergency Management Association
- Florida Emergency Preparedness Association
- Emergency Management Institute, Higher Education Program
- Montgomery County, PA Department of Public Safety
- Natural Hazards Center
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities
- EAD & Associates, LLC
- Emergency Information Infrastructure Project
- U.S. Access Board
- Florida Division of Emergency Management
- Dave Freeman
- Gregory Banner
- Arthur Rabjohn
- Martha Braddock
- Ed Kostiuik
- Kenny Shaw
- Dean Larson
- Chris Floyd
- CNN
- MSNBC
- Associated Press
- Reuters
- USAToday
- Time
- Drudge Report
- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
- IRIN
- Homeland Security Today
- Washington Post
- NY Times
- Yahoo News
- Big Medicine
- Emergency Management Daily
- PreventionWeb

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Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

Nashua mock emergency proves informational for quick responders, 'victims' (New Hampshire)

<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/968532-196/nashua-mock-emergency-proves-informational-for-the.html>

Emergency manager reflects on evacuations during Waldo Canyon Fire (Colorado)

<http://www.coloradoconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=777951>

Federal Faces: Dan Stoneking, FEMA

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/federal-faces-dan-stoneking-fema/2012/07/23/qJQATBbM5W_story.html

Meet Theo Dressler, master of disaster (Florida)

http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2012-07-23/news/fl-red-cross-disaster-chief-profile-20120716_1_disaster-zone-command-center-deepwater-horizon-oil-rig

Tornadoes, derecho meant a whirlwind start to job for MEMA director Mallette (Maryland)

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/weather/weather-blog/bs-md-mema-director-20120718,0,7537892.story>

New Method Developed for Detecting, Measuring Bridge Damage

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/New-Method-Detecting-Measuring-Bridge-Damage.html>

Health-Care Coalition Ensures Service during a Disaster (Washington)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/health/Health-Care-Coalition-Service-Disaster.html>

Reliance on imports leaves U.S. vulnerable to disasters, report says

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/reliance-on-imports-leaves-us-vulnerable-to-disasters-report-says/2012/07/24/qJQA1CAX7W_story.html?hpid=z5

Sirens: A Dying Technology?

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Sirens-Dying-Technology-Warning.html>

Walter Reed Bethesda Deploys New Mobile Shelter System

<http://www.dcmilitary.com/article/20120712/NEWS11/707129938/walter-reed-bethesda-deploys-new-mobile-shelter-system>

Con Ed emergency plans scrutinized during lockout (New York)

<http://www.lohud.com/article/20120710/NEWS/307100049>

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Kevin Davis brings St. Tammany Parish lessons to state hurricane preparedness post (Louisiana)

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/07/davis_brings_st_tammany_lesson.html

White House order on emergency communications rules privacy group

http://www.cio.com.au/article/430087/white_house_order_emergency_communications_rules_privacy_group/?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=sectionfeed

FBI 'made mistakes' before Fort Hood shootings

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-07-19/fbi-fort-hood-hasan/56344414/1>

Republican National Convention—Tightening Up in Tampa (Florida)

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/republican-national-convention-tightening-up-in-tampa/f2aea92a092e26b176a2a603869705df.html>

U.S. spy agency chief to meet with hackers at "Defcon"

<http://news.yahoo.com/u-spy-agency-chief-meet-hackers-defcon-013017513.html>

U.S. intelligence community gauges water risks over next 30 years

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/us-intelligence-community-gauges-water-risks-over-next-30-years/>

Al-Qaida leader threatens to carry out more attacks on US soil

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/07/23/12909634-al-qaida-leader-threatens-to-carry-out-more-attacks-on-us-soil?lite>

Ohio bridge bomb plot suspect pleads guilty, will testify against 4 co-defendants

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/1-bridge-bomb-plotting-suspect-in-ohio-pleads-guilty-will-testify-against-his-4-co-defendants/2012/07/25/gJQAM2c68W_story.html

Stockpiling arms against cyberattacks

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/going-on-the-offensive-against-cyberattacks/2012/07/25/gJQAke0x9W_story.html?hpid=z4

DHS Asks Owners of High Occupancy Venues to Re-review Active Shooter Security Guidelines

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/dhs-asks-owners-of-high-occupancy-venues-to-re-review-active-shooter-security-guidelines/dc813413900b437f315681f86a557561.html>

Homeland Security Blew Millions, Still Can't Protect Its Buildings

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/07/mist/>

FEMA ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL

<http://citizencorps.gov/getstarted/youth/youthindex.shtm>

Flood Early Warning System Keeps Austin, Texas, Prepared

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Flood-Early-Warning-System-Austin-Texas.html>

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Colville Indian Reservation Declares State of Emergency after Severe Thunderstorms
<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/07/23/colville-indian-reservation-declares-state-of-emergency-after-severe-thunderstorms-125076>

New model of disease contagion ranks U.S. airports in terms of their spreading influence
<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2012/spread-of-disease-in-airports-0723.html>

Dazzling Map Reveals Rising Menace of US Fires
<http://news.yahoo.com/dazzling-map-reveals-rising-menace-us-fires-160143637.html>

Navy: Worker set \$400M Maine submarine fire to get out of work early
[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57477917/navy-worker-set-\\$400m-maine-submarine-fire-to-get-out-of-work-early/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57477917/navy-worker-set-$400m-maine-submarine-fire-to-get-out-of-work-early/)

Sumatra Quake Shows California's "Big One" Could Be Bigger Than Thought Possible
http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Big-One-Quake-Might-Be-Even-Bigger-Than-Thought-163494456.html?_osource=Newsletter-Daily

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe Standing Strong After Ceremonial Structures Damaged by Arson
<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/07/23/lac-courte-oreilles-tribe-standing-strong-after-ceremonial-structures-damaged-by-arson-124960>

Don't count on El Nino this hurricane season: An editorial
http://www.nola.com/opinions/index.ssf/2012/07/dont_count_on_el_nino_this_hur.html

20 Years after Hurricane Andrew: How Storm Forecasts Have Improved
<http://news.yahoo.com/20-years-hurricane-andrew-storm-forecasts-improved-213655621.html>

Weather Extremes Leave Parts of U.S. Grid Buckling (Page 18)

Disney 911 sends help in 45 seconds or less (Florida)
<http://www.clickorlando.com/news/Disney-911-sends-help-in-45-seconds-or-less/-/1637132/15590842/-/xmdgj0z/-/index.html>

Triage from a Distance
<http://www.jems.com/article/major-incidents/triage-distance>

Holder to announce sweeping reform mandates for troubled New Orleans Police Department (Louisiana)
http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/holder-to-announce-sweeping-reform-mandates-for-troubled-new-orleans-police-department/2012/07/24/qJQAeXaX6W_story.html?hpid=z3

Response to Emergencies in Wind Turbines
<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/print/volume-164/issue-4/features/response-to-emergencies-in-wind-turbines.html>

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Recreating the Standard of Nursing Education in Haiti

<http://www.pih.org/news/entry/recreating-the-standard-of-nursing-education-in-haiti/>

Report: Ex-Gitmo detainee is not Bulgaria suicide bomber

[http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/07/19/12834861-report-ex-gitmo-detainee-is-not-bulgaria-suicide-bomber?lite&_utma=14933801.676664165.1342720074.1342720074.1342744312.2&_utmb=14933801.2.10.1342744312&_utmc=14933801&_utmx=-&_utmz=14933801.1342744312.2.2.utmcsr=msn.com|utmccn=\(referral\)|utmcmd=referral|utmctt=/&_utmv=14933801.18=Earned%20By=msnbc%7Ccover=1^12=Landing%20Content=Mixed=1^13=Landing%20Hostname=www.nbcnews.com=1^30=Visit%20Type%20to%20Content=Internal%20to%20Mixed=1&_utmk=183138854](http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/07/19/12834861-report-ex-gitmo-detainee-is-not-bulgaria-suicide-bomber?lite&_utma=14933801.676664165.1342720074.1342720074.1342744312.2&_utmb=14933801.2.10.1342744312&_utmc=14933801&_utmx=-&_utmz=14933801.1342744312.2.2.utmcsr=msn.com|utmccn=(referral)|utmcmd=referral|utmctt=/&_utmv=14933801.18=Earned%20By=msnbc%7Ccover=1^12=Landing%20Content=Mixed=1^13=Landing%20Hostname=www.nbcnews.com=1^30=Visit%20Type%20to%20Content=Internal%20to%20Mixed=1&_utmk=183138854)

Source: Possible 2nd suspect in Bulgaria bus attack

http://www.cnn.com/2012/07/21/world/europe/bulgaria-israel-blast/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

Steepest shortfall in U.N. humanitarian appeals in a decade – report

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/steepest-shortfall-in-un-humanitarian-appeals-in-a-decade-report/>

US pledge to rebuild Haiti not being met

<http://news.yahoo.com/us-pledge-rebuild-haiti-not-being-met-170346036.html>

Operator of Japan's crippled nuke plant still mishandling disaster response, investigators say

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/govt-appointed-panel-criticizes-tepco-for-dragging-feet-in-probe-into-japan-nuclear-disaster/2012/07/23/gJQAzulW3W_story.html

London on alert for terror attack ahead of Olympic Games

<http://www.news.com.au/sport/london-olympics/london-on-alert-for-terror-attack-ahead-of-olympic-games/story-fndpu6dv-1226432152231>

Christchurch tsunami warnings go unheard (New Zealand)

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/7325605/Christchurch-trials-new-tsunami-warning-system>

ABSORBENT PAINT COULD SOAK UP CHEMICAL WEAPONS, PROTECTING VEHICLE OCCUPANTS FROM DEADLY GAS

<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2012-07/new-absorbent-paint-could-soak-chemical-weapons-protecting-soldiers-deadly-gas>

Uganda seeks help with influx of 16,000 refugees

http://news.yahoo.com/uganda-seeks-help-influx-16-000-refugees-093259413.html?_esi=1

Indian scientists try to crack monsoon source code

<http://news.yahoo.com/indian-scientists-try-crack-monsoon-source-code-212436300--business.html>

Why the 2012 Sumatra Earthquake Was a Weird One

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Japan probes under-reporting of Fukushima radiation dosage

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/japan-probes-under-reporting-of-fukushima-radiation-dosage/2012/07/21/gJQAdgJw0W_story.html?hpid=z4

Norway marks anniversary of Breivik's massacre

<http://news.yahoo.com/norway-marks-anniversary-breiviks-massacre-021629944.html>

MALI-NIGER: Locusts spawning disaster

<http://www.irinnews.org/Report/95938/MALI-NIGER-Locusts-spawning-disaster>

Tourists escape 'iceberg tsunami' in Greenland

<http://www.wtop.com/884/2960502/Tourists-escape-iceberg-tsunami-in-Greenland-VIDEO>

China dubs tiny island new city in sea claim bid

<http://news.yahoo.com/china-dubs-tiny-island-city-sea-claim-bid-100524879.html>

Refugee without a country to compete under Olympic flag in London

<http://sports.yahoo.com/blogs/olympics-fourth-place-medal/refugee-without-country-compete-under-olympic-flag-london-202757479--oly.html>

Growing Rwanda Out of Poverty

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/joshuaruxin/2012/07/25/growing-rwanda-out-of-poverty/?ss=innovation-science>

Climate Change First Responders: Native Americans

<http://news.discovery.com/earth/native-american-climate-change-120717.html>

U.S. Roads May Be Vulnerable to Climate Change

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=us-roads-vulnerable-climate-change>

Sea rise threatens 'paradise' Down Under

<http://phys.org/news/2012-07-sea-threatens-paradise.html>

U.S. solar plan creates energy zones, excludes sensitive lands

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-0725-solar-zones-20120725,0,1957957.story>

Explosives and Incendiaries Used in Terrorist Attacks on Public Surface Transportation:
A Preliminary Empirical Analysis

<http://transweb.sjsu.edu/MTIportal/research/publications/summary/MTI-09-02.html>

Preparing for 21st Century Risks: Revitalizing American Manufacturing to Protect,
Respond and Recover

<http://americanmanufacturing.org/files/Homeland%20Security%20Report.July23.2012.pdf>

It's here: the new FEMA.gov

<http://www.fema.gov/blog/2012-07-19/its-here-new-fema.gov>

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USAID Blog, Progress in Haiti

<http://blog.usaid.gov/2012/07/progress-in-haiti/>

Q & A with NHC - Rick Knabb, Ph.D.

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/qa/201207_rick_knabb.php

IDENTIFYING BEST PRACTICES IN THE DISSEMINATION OF
INTELLIGENCE TO FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE FIRE AND EMS SERVICES

<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a531495.pdf>

Wildland Fire in Ecosystems: Effects of Fire on Cultural Resources and Archaeology

http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_gtr042_3.pdf

Heart Rescue Project, Save-A-Life Simulator

<http://www.heartrescuenow.com/>

Service Dog Etiquette

<http://www.abnerspress.com/1/post/2012/07/service-dog-etiquette.html>

U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 2012-2016 Strategic Plan

http://www.csb.gov/assets/news/document/Final_Strategic_Plan_.pdf

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT

http://www.ada.gov/Kansas_city_pca/kansas_city_pca_sa.htm

Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference 2012 Presentations (Page 29)

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FEMA Presents Disaster Recovery Framework in Roll-out Workshop (Guam)

http://www.pacificnewscenter.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=25735:fema-presents-disaster-recovery-framework-in-roll-out-workshop&catid=45:guam-news&Itemid=156

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Indian River's health department earns public health emergency preparedness recognition (Florida)

http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2012/jul/19/indian-rivers-health-department-earns-public-health/?partner=yahoo_feeds

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Health-Care Coalition Ensures Service during a Disaster (Washington)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/health/Health-Care-Coalition-Service-Disaster.html>

WV senators ask Obama to OK state disaster request

<http://www.homeland1.com/eval/articles/1317177-WV-senators-ask-Obama-to-OK-state-disaster-request/>

Va. gov. seeks \$25M FEMA aid after storms

<http://www.homeland1.com/eval/articles/1319091-Va-gov-seeks-25M-FEMA-aid-after-storms/>

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Sirens: A Dying Technology?
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Sirens-Dying-Technology-Warning.html>

Leaders discuss emergency preparedness and cyber-attacks (South Carolina)
<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/19035525/senator-graham-talks-cyber-attack-preparedness>

State Fair organizers adopt clearer safety procedures (Indiana)
<http://www.jconline.com/article/20120720/NEWS/307200043>

Walter Reed Bethesda Deploys New Mobile Shelter System
<http://www.dcmilitary.com/article/20120712/NEWS11/707129938/walter-reed-bethesda-deploys-new-mobile-shelter-system>

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Kevin Davis brings St. Tammany Parish lessons to state hurricane preparedness post (Louisiana)
http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/07/davis_brings_st_tammany_lesson.html

Executive Order Poses No Threat to the Amateur Radio Service
<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/executive-order-poses-no-threat-to-the-amateur-radio-service>

White House order on emergency communications rules privacy group
http://www.cio.com.au/article/430087/white_house_order_emergency_communications_rules_privacy_group/?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=sectionfeed

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

FBI 'made mistakes' before Fort Hood shootings

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-07-19/fbi-fort-hood-hasan/56344414/1>

Congress hears warnings about drones in US skies

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/07/19/congress-hears-warnings-about-drones-in-us-skies/>

LIEBERMAN, COLLINS RESPOND TO WEBSTER REPORT

<http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/media/majority-media/lieberman-collins-respond-to-webster-report>

Meet the man behind the Muslim conspiracy uproar

<http://www.southernstudies.org/2012/07/meet-the-man-behind-the-muslim-conspiracy-uproar.html>

Republican National Convention—Tightening Up in Tampa (Florida)

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/republican-national-convention-tightening-up-in-tampa/f2aea92a092e26b176a2a603869705df.html>

U.S. spy agency chief to meet with hackers at "Defcon"

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Weather Extremes Leave Parts of U.S. Grid Buckling

By MATTHEW L. WALD and JOHN SCHWARTZ

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WASHINGTON — From highways in Texas to nuclear power plants in Illinois, the concrete, steel and sophisticated engineering that undergird the nation's infrastructure are being taxed to worrisome degrees by heat, drought and vicious storms.

On a single day this month here, a US Airways regional jet became stuck in asphalt that had softened in 100-degree temperatures, and a subway train derailed after the heat stretched the track so far that it kinked — inserting a sharp angle into a stretch that was supposed to be straight. In East Texas, heat and drought have had a startling effect on the clay-rich soils under highways, which “just shrink like crazy,” leading to “horrendous cracking,” said Tom Scullion, senior research engineer with the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University. In Northeastern and Midwestern states, he said, unusually high heat is causing highway sections to expand beyond their design limits, press against each other and “pop up,” creating jarring and even hazardous speed bumps.

Excessive warmth and dryness are threatening other parts of the grid as well. In the Chicago area, a twin-unit nuclear plant had to get special permission to keep operating this month because the pond it uses for cooling water rose to 102 degrees; its license to operate allows it to go only to 100. According to the Midwest Independent System Operator, the grid operator for the region, a different power plant had had to shut because the body of water from which it draws its cooling water had dropped so low that the intake pipe became high and dry; another had to cut back generation because cooling water was too warm.

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The frequency of extreme weather is up over the past few years, and people who deal with infrastructure expect that to continue. Leading climate models suggest that weather-sensitive parts of the infrastructure will be seeing many more extreme episodes, along with shifts in weather patterns and rising maximum (and minimum) temperatures.

"We've got the 'storm of the century' every year now," said Bill Gausman, a senior vice president and a 38-year veteran at the Potomac Electric Power Company, which took eight days to recover from the June 29 "derecho" storm that raced from the Midwest to the Eastern Seaboard and knocked out power for 4.3 million people in 10 states and the District of Columbia.

In general, nobody in charge of anything made of steel and concrete can plan based on past trends, said Vicki Arroyo, who heads the Georgetown Climate Center at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, a clearinghouse on climate-change adaptation strategies.

Highways, Mr. Scullion noted, are designed for the local climate, taking into account things like temperature and rainfall. "When you get outside of those things, man, all bets are off." As weather patterns shift, he said, "we could have some very dramatic failures of highway systems."

Adaptation efforts are taking place nationwide. Some are as huge as the multibillion-dollar effort to increase the height of levees and flood walls in New Orleans because of projections of rising sea levels and stronger storms to come; others as mundane as resizing drainage culverts in Vermont, where Hurricane Irene damaged about 2,000 culverts. "They just got blown out," said Sue Minter, the Irene recovery officer for the state.

In Washington, the subway system, which opened in 1976, has revised its operating procedures. Authorities will now watch the rail temperature and order trains to slow down if it gets too hot. When railroads install tracks in cold weather, they heat the metal to a "neutral" temperature so it reaches a moderate length, and will withstand the shrinkage and growth typical for that climate. But if the heat historically seen in the South becomes normal farther north, the rails will be too long for that weather, and will have an increased tendency to kink. So railroad officials say they will begin to undertake much more frequent inspection.

Some utilities are re-examining long-held views on the economics of protecting against the weather. Pepco, the utility serving the area around Washington, has repeatedly studied the idea of burying more power lines, and the company and its regulators have always decided that the cost outweighed the benefit. But the company has had five storms in the last two and a half years for which recovery took at least five days, and after the derecho last month, the consensus has changed. Both the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Md., have held hearings to discuss the option — though in the District alone, the cost would be \$1.1 billion to \$5.8 billion, depending on how many of the power lines were put underground.

Even without storms, heat waves are changing the pattern of electricity use, raising peak demand higher than ever. That implies the need for new investment in generating stations, transmission lines and local distribution lines that will be used at full capacity for only a few hundred hours a year. "We build the system for the 10 percent of the time we

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need it," said Mark Gabriel, a senior vice president of Black & Veatch, an engineering firm. And that 10 percent is "getting more extreme."

Even as the effects of weather extremes become more evident, precisely how to react is still largely an open question, said David Behar, the climate program director for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. "We're living in an era of assessment, not yet in an area of adaptation," he said.

He says that violent storms and forest fires can be expected to affect water quality and water use: runoff from major storms and falling ash could temporarily shut down reservoirs. Deciding how to address such issues is the work of groups like the Water Utility Climate Alliance, of which he is a member. "In some ways, the science is still catching up with the need of water managers for high-quality projection," he said. Some needs are already known. San Francisco will spend as much as \$40 million to modify discharge pipes for treated wastewater to prevent bay water from flowing back into the system.

Even when state and local officials know what they want to do, they say they do not always get the cooperation they would like from the federal government. Many agencies have officially expressed a commitment to plan for climate change, but sometimes the results on the ground can be frustrating, said Ms. Minter of Vermont. For instance, she said, Vermont officials want to replace the old culverts with bigger ones. "We think it's an opportunity to build back in a more robust way," she said. But the Federal Emergency Management Agency wants to reuse the old culverts that washed out, or replace them with similar ones, she said.

Ms. Arroyo of Georgetown said the federal government must do more. "They are not acknowledging that the future will look different from the past," she said, "and so we keep putting people and infrastructure in harm's way."

Matthew L. Wald reported from Washington, and John Schwartz from New York.

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The Signal Program on Human Security and Technology at HHI utilizes the latest information and satellite technologies to conduct research and education projects that seek to understand how these technologies can be employed to protect vulnerable populations affected by both human and natural disasters. Signal was established to explore how technology can be used to document and prevent threats to human rights and human security around the world by bringing together leading technologists, organizations, and practitioners to develop innovation for the human security of vulnerable populations.

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This is a statewide weather alerting service provided at no cost to the residents of Alabama. Designed to notify those in the path of dangerous weather through text messaging, email or voice calls, Alabama SAF-T-Net alerts subscribers for up to four monitored locations—when and where it matters.

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Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference 2012 Presentations

Below are some of the presentations at this year's conference. Not all of the presentations available are included below, but there are available at:

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Post-Disaster Redevelopment Planning

<http://www.flghc.org/docs/2012TrainingPDFs/RM5-PDRPBasic.pdf>

<http://www.flghc.org/docs/2012TrainingPDFs/RM5-PDRPImplementation.pdf>

Private Sector Coordination during Disasters – Emergency Support Function 18 at the State Level

<http://www.flghc.org/docs/2012WorkshopPDFs/BI101-PrivateSectorCoordination.pdf>

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There's an App for That: Emergency Management Apps and Resources for You and the Public

<http://www.flghc.org/docs/2012WorkshopPDFs/CP101-AppForThat.pdf>

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Geospatial Collaboration - Creating Interactive Tools and Maps for the Non-GIS User with a GeoPDF

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Emergency Messaging: Notification and Information Tools during Disasters

<http://www.flghc.org/docs/2012WorkshopPDFs/CP107-EmergencyMessaging.pdf>

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Making the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Work for You

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Hurricane Irene's Impact on Higher Education

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Partnering to Meet Community Needs: Before, during and After the Storm

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Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) Fundamentals

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